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1. [redacted] there was a new restricted area in the Kerch Strait. The area was bounded by the following points: the Mys Chandra lighthouse [redacted] probably Mys Chauda, N 45-00, E 35-51; N 44-49, E 35-49; N 44-52, E 36-23; and the Mys Takyl lighthouse, N 45-06, E 36-27.

2. Powerful searchlights searched the harbor and the foreign ship anchorage at Novorossiysk during the nights. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

a. At the Mys Doobskiy (N 44-37, E 37-54) lighthouse.
b. At the Mys Penay (N 44-41, E 37-53) lighthouse.
c. Just outside the shore end of the Western Mole.
d. On the southeastern tip of the Sudzhukskaya Kosa (N 44-41, E 37-48).
e. In the vicinity of Mys Tonkiy (N 44-33, E 38-01).
f. At the Ozereyka (N 44-40, E 37-38) lighthouse.
g. In the vicinity of Mys Utrishek (N 44-42, E 37-27).

3. The anchorage for foreign vessels at Novorossiysk was outside the Eastern Mole, bounded on the eastern side by the coast, and on the western side by a line, running southeast from the Standart light directly through the light on the western end of the Eastern Mole. The line extended in a southerly direction to a point due west of the Mys Penay lighthouse. Two unlighted buoys were in the anchorage. Two ex-U.S. MTBs patrolled the anchorage from dusk to dawn; between patrols, each of the vessels tied up at one of the buoys. The locations of the buoys were [redacted] as follows: [redacted] 50X1-HUM

a. Three-quarters of a mile from the light on the outer end of the Eastern Mole, at an azimuth of 132 degrees.
b. One and a half miles from the light on the outer end of the Eastern Mole, at an azimuth of 118 degrees.

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4. The length of time [redacted] to wait in the foreign ship anchorage for a berth at the Oil Pier varied from two to nine days. [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] 50X1-HUM

5. The following information on fees and other expenses in Novorossiysk [redacted] The tonnage dues and the pilotage and tug fees varied depending on the length of time the pilot was utilized, the type 50X1-HUM of tug used, etc. The tonnage dues decreased with each additional trip to the port. The figures given below were those charged on one trip:

a. Tonnage dues	10,265.94 rubles
b. Pilotage	449.11
c. Tugs	566.61
d. Documents	50.00
e. Entry stamps, etc.	12.50
f. Agency fees	800.00

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6. At the Oil Pier in Novorossiysk there was one pump for each berth. [redacted]

[redacted] the pumps were two sizes. This conclusion was based on the fact that two pumps pumped at the rate of 500 tons an hour, and the other two at only 350 tons per hour. When only one berth of one side was being used, then both pumps on that side worked for the one vessel, thus increasing the loading rate to 850 tons per hour. The flexible pipe which was hauled aboard the ship was ten inches in diameter, and was reduced to eight inches 50X1-HUM to fit the ship's manifolds.

7. [redacted] a naval patrol vessel enter the harbor and go into the Naval Base. The patrol vessel was towing two torpedo-shaped objects which were 22 to 25 feet long and had a four-sided fin aft. The body of the object was square, and was about three feet wide. In the top forward center there was a cover, similar to that of a hatch, which was fastened down with several bolts. [redacted]

[redacted] (See sketch of objects below.)

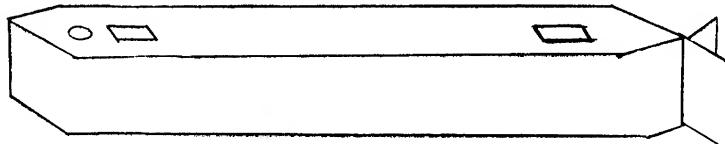
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View from the top



View from the side



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8. A new pier was under construction west of the Petroleum Pier. [redacted] its width [redacted] over fifty meters; [redacted] no estimate of its length as it was still being extended. [redacted] the rumor was that this was to be a new petroleum pier, but [redacted] it was much too wide for an ordinary petroleum pier.

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9. Between Mys Penay and Mys Doobskiy, off the coast from Kabardinka (N 44-39, E 37-57), there was an anchorage for corvettes, patrol boats, and MTBs. 50X1-HUM
 [redacted] these vessels conduct [redacted] exercises in the area between Kabardinka and Mys Indukopas (N 44-25, E 38-13). [redacted] when there were strong northeasterly winds, all foreign merchant vessels and all naval vessels, anchored outside the mole, were moved to Ozereyka (N 44-40, E 37-38) for better protection from the wind. 50X1-HUM
 [redacted] 50X1-HUM

10. [redacted] at a position N 44-37-50, E 37-52-00, a small frigate [redacted] The vessel had no armament, but it had an array of antennas, varying from the Sperry moving scanner to over twenty TV-type antennas, arranged in pairs forward and aft. (See sketch No. 1 on page 5.) There also was one solid metal dish-type antenna, measuring approximately one and a half meters in diameter. 50X1-HUM

11. On the cape by the Doob lighthouse, [redacted] a mobile canvas-covered object which resembled an artillery distance-measuring instrument. It was approximately 15 meters long and stood about 10 feet above the ground. Near this object were wireless and radio beacon antennas. Opposite the Doob lighthouse, at Mys Sudzhuskaya Kosa and very close to the water, were two steel frame towers, approximately 60-70 feet high. There was nothing at the top of the towers. 50X1-HUM

12. In the area of the airfield south of Novorossiysk, [redacted] four buildings and a number of radar scanners and TV-type antennas, about 40 feet high. North of this group of antennas was a large screen; about 50 feet high and 50 feet wide; the screen was not in motion during the observation [redacted] [redacted] from one day to the next its position changed. (See sketch No. 2 on page 5.) About half a mile north of this radar, there was a building larger than the four mentioned above; this building had a windsock. [redacted] several small planes land there [redacted] both piston and jet 50X1-HUM

13. [redacted] Naval Base: [redacted] vessels at the
 a. Two naval patrol vessels [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 b. Two unidentified vessels [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 c. Two unidentified patrol vessels [redacted] The vessels had one gun aft only; forward were three canvas-covered objects. Each object appeared to be made up of six tubes, three each in two rows, one over the other; each tube was three feet long and almost one foot in diameter. Each group appeared to be about four feet off the deck on a platform. The tubes were almost horizontal except for a slight elevation forward.

14. [redacted] the pier which was under construction (paragraph 8) would be another petroleum pier. 50X1-HUM

15. Also at the Naval Base were 15 to 20 radar reflectors on floating tanks about 40 feet long. [redacted]

16. The following merchant vessels were observed in port: 50X1-HUM

- The 12,000-ton Soviet tanker VOLGOROD (sic), port of registry Odessa.
- The 12,000-ton Soviet tanker OCHAKOV, which was launched after having undergone repairs in a floating dry dock. The dock, [redacted] could accommodate vessels up to 15,000 tons, was located inside the harbor, by the Eastern Mole.

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- c. A 6,000-ton unidentified tanker.
- d. The 8,000-ton Soviet tanker ANDREY VYSHINSKIY.
- e. The Soviet naval tanker KHOBI of about 3,000 tons.

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17. [redacted] three export
tankers of 30,000 tons each, built in Leningrad, were in operation. The
names of two of the three were VARSHAVA and BUDAPEST. [redacted]
[redacted] work was being done to deepen the harbors of Odessa, Novorossiysk, 50X1-HUM
Tuapse, and Batumi to accommodate these vessels. 50X1-HUM

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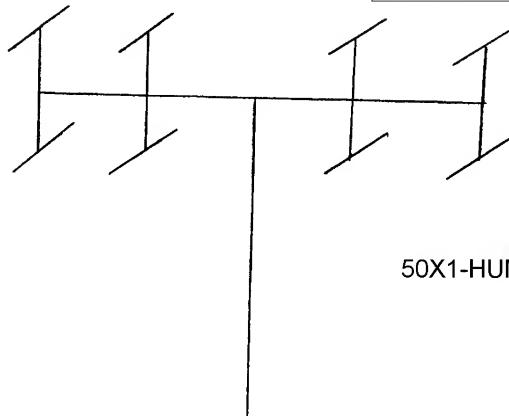
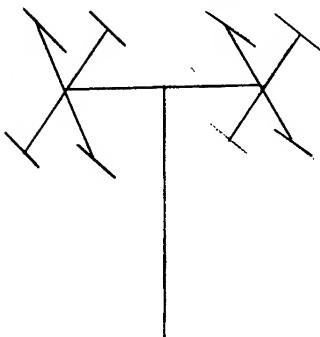
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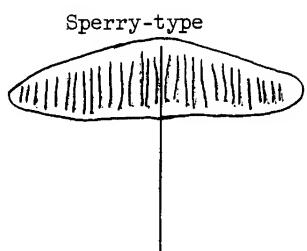
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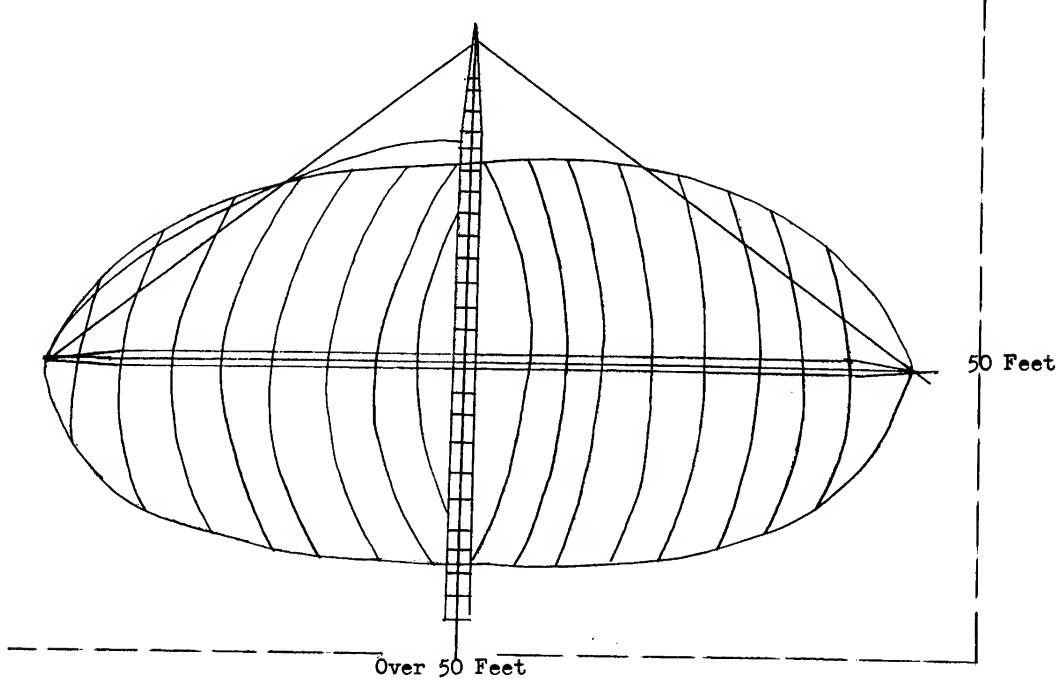
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